

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OFFICE 1420 HAMPSHIRE PIKE COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE 38401

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February 27, 2012

Mr. Richard Thompson 176 Tom Taylor Circle New Market, AL 35761

Re: NPDES Permit Tracking No. TNR181365

Adams and Thompson Chicken Barn Construction Lincoln County

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Personnel with the Division of Water Pollution conducted a stream determination on your property on October 31, 2011. During this site visit, it was recommended that a wetland determination be performed at the site because of the observance of wetland indicators. Your submittal for coverage under the TNCGP indicated that a wetland determination had been conducted and that no wetlands existed where construction activity was to take place. Coverage under the Tennessee Construction General Permit (TNCGP) number TNR181365 was issued for your site on January 9, 2012.

During the review process for the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit, questions were raised about the possibility of wetlands at the site. Mike Lee with the Natural Resource section of the Division of Water Pollution control reviewed the wetland determination and decided an additional wetland determination needed to be performed. On February 7, 2012, personnel from the Division, including Mike Lee, met with your consultant at the site. Wetlands were determined to exist at the site where construction activities were planned.

While the construction permit remains active, an updated version of the SWPPP will need to be submitted to address any changes in construction plans regarding relocation of your barns. Additionally, no construction can take place in the wetlands unless an appropriate Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) is obtained. Finally, your CAFO permit application has been placed on hold until you have either obtained the necessary ARAP permit or relocated the proposed barns so that they do not affect any wetlands.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding the TNCGP please feel free to contact me at (931) 560-1303. If you have questions regarding the wetland determination or ARAP please contact Mike Lee at (615) 532-0712. If you have any questions about the CAFO permit please contact Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245.

Sincerely,

Scott Howell

**Environmental Specialist** 

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Division of Water Pollution Control

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WPC, Permit Section, Ms. Erin O'Brien